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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L)
SUBJ: ISRAELI "PARTIAL AGREEMENT APPROACH"

REF.: STATE 191888

1. MY INTERPRETATION OF BEGIN'S REQUEST THAT YOU CONVEY TO SADAT HIS IDEAS ABOUT "PARTIAL AGREEMENTS" IS THAT HE DEFINITELY EXPECTS YOU TO DO SO. HE WILL ASK YOU ABOUT IT WHEN YOU RETURN, AND WILL BE MORE THAN A LITTLE SURPRISED AND SUSPICIOUS IF YOU WERE TO TELL HIM THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN A CHANCE TO TRANSMIT HIS VIEWS.

2. CLEARLY YOU NEED TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION OF U.S. ENDORSEMENT. THE SUGGESTION IN HAL SAUNDERS TELEGRAM (PARA 3 REFTEL) SEEMS TO BE A GOOD APPROACH, EXCEPT FOR THE VERY LAST PHRASE OF THAT PARAGRAPH. YOU CAN CERTAINLY SAY WE ARE PASSING IT ON IN A STRICTLY "POST-MAN ROLE" AND EXPLICITLY DENY ANY ENDORSEMENT. BUT IF YOU SAY THAT WE HAVE "NOT DISCUSSED THE IDEA WITH THE ISRAELIS OURSELVES" YOU RISK BOTH YOUR CREDIBILITY IN EGYPT IF A LEAK OF THAT CONVERSATION OCCURS, AND SOME
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CONSIDERABLE EXASPERATION HERE. IN ANY EVENT, THE LINE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE CREDIBLE. IF BEGIN HAS ASKED YOU TO TAKE IT UP WITH SADAT, OBVIOUSLY THERE HAS HAD TO BE SOME KIND OF DISCUSSION OF HIS IDEA BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND AMERICANS. LEWIS

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